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LOADING APPARATUS

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In reply to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, Applicants submit the following
Amendments and Remarks.

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as indicated hereafter.

In the Title:

Please change the title of the invention to "RECORDING MEDIUM LOADING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF LOADING A DISC-SHAPED RECORDING MEDIUM."

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A recording medium loading apparatus capable of loading a disc-shaped recording medium, comprising:

a carrier for transferring the disc-shaped recording medium between a first position to insert/remove the disc-shaped recording medium and a second position to perform a reproducing and/or recording process; and

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a holding device installed on the carrier for holding an outer circumference of the disc-shaped recording medium; and,

wherein the holding device comprises a fixing portion fixed to the carrier and tongue pieces with elastic property extending from the fixing portion and being is in contact with top and bottom portions of a front edge of the disc-shaped recording medium by clamping the disc-shaped recording medium from the top and the bottom, and clamps a central-front portion of the disc-shaped recording medium with respect to an insertion direction by an actuating force.